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angles to a surface of the capping layer, characterized in that said variation of the mechanical properties comprises a continuous increase in hardness of the capping layer.

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11.(Twice Amended) A mobile telephone comprising a housing in which a printed circuit is arranged, characterized in that the printed circuit is provided with a synthetic resin capping layer having a continuously varying hardness and comprising a foam-forming reactive injection-moulding material which constitutes the housing of the mobile telephone.

REMARKS

Claims 8 and 11-14 are pending. By this amendment, claims 8 and 11 been amended. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. No new matter is believed added.

Claims 8 and 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsumoto et al. (US 5,406,027), hereafter "Matsumoto," in view of Prescott (US 3,564,164).

The above-referenced rejection is defective because Matsumoto and Prescott, taken alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest each and every feature of the claimed invention as required by 35 U.S.C. §103.

Claim 8 sets forth a printed circuit which is provided with a synthetic resin capping layer, wherein the capping layer comprises a "foam-forming reactive injection-